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SUBJECT: BUS FARE INCREASE

1. JULY 10 PRESS PUBLISHED GOP RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW
FARES FOR URBAN AND INTER-URBAN MICRO-BUSES. THE INCREASE, SECOND
IN LAST 10 DAYS, IS SIGNIFICANT -- UP ON E SOL FOR URBAN AND TWO
SOLES FOR INTER-URBAN BUSES. IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, INCREASE RANGES
FROM 20-66 PERCENT OVER JUNE 30 LEVEL.

2. BUS FARE INCREASE, IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCE OF GASOLINE PRICE
HIKES, WILL AFFECT MOST THE LOWER ECONOMIC STRATA AND
THOSE LEAST ABLE TO OFFSET INCREASE WITH WAGE IMPROVEMENT.

3. THE INCREASE PRESEAGES NEW RATES FOR TAXIS , BUSES AND MOTOR
TRANSPORT IN GENERAL. THE GOP AVOIDED THREATENED NATIONAL TRANS-
PORT STRIKE THIS WEEK BY AGREEING TO STUDY RATE INCREASES FOR
TRUCK AND TAXI DRIVERS WHO OWN THEIR VEHICLES. TEAMSTERS UNION,
AFFILIATED WITH GOVERNMENT CTRP LABOR CENTRAL, IS MEETING THIS
WEEK NEAR LMA TO DECIDE NEXT STEP IN DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH GOP.

4. INCREASE IN TRANSPORT RTE WILL OF COURSE HAVE A FURTHER
INFLATIONARY EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY IN GENERAL. BUS FARE INCREASE IN
PARTICULAR COULD PRODUCE POLULAR REACTION. IN PAST, BUS
INCREASES HAVE TOUCHED OFF INCIDENTS, ESPECIALLY AMONG
STUDENTS IN WHICH BUSES HAVE BEEN STONED AND IN SOME CASES BURNED.

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